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## Greetings,

Please reflect for a moment that the first inhabitants of this nation, and of every nation, lived in a harmonious coexistence with nature for millenia before the technologies of modern times caused grave environmental disruption. Our path to the future must include the wisdom of these peoples, from whom we have much to learn, and who learned much from the pristine landscapes in which they lived. In the Quechua language the word "anyi" means a reciprocal relationship with the earth; a relationship that brings many benefits to us, the earth's peoples; and carries with it mutual responsibilities. We cannot grow food anywhere but from within the earth. We cannot drink water unless it flows on earth. We cannot live in a house unless it is built on the earth.

Please spare Yucca Mountain, sacred to the prayers of many, from becoming a site for nuclear waste.

Thank you. Marilise Tronto